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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Operation of the Office of Scientific Intelligence

[The following is an effort to set forth the basic theory under which O/SI ought to be operating. It is distilled from our discussion this morning.]

1. The DCI has the responsibility for the production of national scientific intelligence. (Note: There exists no generally accepted definition of national scientific intelligence.)

a. This means that the DCI is responsible for seeing that all fields are covered in the production of national scientific intelligence. This in turn means that:

O/SI/PNS/CIA/IAA

By Dec 1st, 1951.

(1) O/SI should identify those fields in which the other agencies will have primary production responsibility;

(2) O/SI should identify those fields in which the other agencies must be supported or aided or needed;

(3) O/SI should, with the general agreement of the scientific community, assume the responsibility for producing in those fields not otherwise adequately covered.

(4) O/SI should be so staffed as to maintain limited competence in those fields in which the production responsibility has been placed in other agencies, in order to check the adequacy and objectivity of their production of national scientific intelligence.

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